

CATEGORY: Health & Safety Policies and Procedures	DATE: November 2016
SUBJECT: Stroller Safety and Indoor Policy	REVIEWED: August 2026
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PURPOSE

Centennial Infant and Child Centre (CICC) is committed to maintaining a safe, accessible, and welcoming environment for children, families, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that strollers are stored safely, do not obstruct entrances, exits, hallways, or evacuation routes, and comply with applicable fire, accessibility, and workplace safety requirements.

STROLLER PARKING

To maintain safe access throughout the Centre:

- Strollers must not be brought into the building or left unattended in hallways, corridors, entrances, exits, or other common areas.
- Strollers must not obstruct building entrances, exits, fire routes, or accessible pathways.
- Families are required to park strollers in the designated stroller parking area outside the building.
- CICC is not responsible for loss of or damage to strollers left on the premises.

EXCEPTION FOR ADAPTIVE STROLLERS

Exceptions may be approved by the Executive Director or designate for specialized adaptive strollers used by children with complex medical or mobility needs.

Adaptive strollers may be permitted inside the Centre when they:

- are required to support a child's medical, developmental, or mobility needs;
- transport essential medical equipment that must remain immediately accessible;
- do not obstruct exits, hallways, fire routes, or accessible pathways; and
- are stored in a location approved by management that does not create a safety hazard.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

All entrances, exits, fire doors, corridors, stairways, and evacuation routes must remain unobstructed at all times.

No stroller or other equipment may be placed where it could interfere with:

- emergency evacuation;
- access by emergency responders;
- safe movement of children, families, staff, students, volunteers, or visitors; or

- accessible routes required for individuals using mobility devices.

Staff shall immediately relocate any stroller that creates a safety hazard and notify the parent/guardian of the Centre's stroller policy.

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

This policy supports compliance with applicable legislation, including:

- Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA), and Ontario Regulation 137/15;
- Ontario Fire Code (O. Reg. 213/07);
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA);
- Occupational Health and Safety Act (Ontario); and
Ontario Building Code (O. Reg. 163/24).

All families, staff, students, volunteers, contractors, and visitors are expected to comply with this policy to help maintain a safe and accessible environment for everyone.